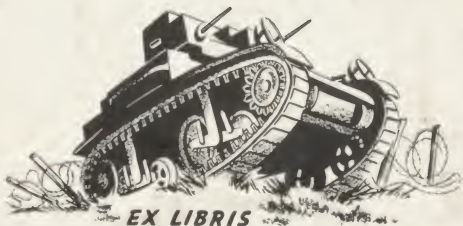


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September, 1940

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September, 1944

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September, 1943

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January, 1944

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September, 1938

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September, 1925

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September, 1939

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September, 1921

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September 1923



To everyone who helped make the 1944-45 *Legend*, the first yearbook published by Portage High School since 1931 a success. Thank you. Immeasurable 'good luck' to those which follow.

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 Barbara Oleska
 Pat McAlpin
 Dorothy Foreman
 Paula Lindner
 Mary Louise Nickerson
 Jean Lagerstrom
 Philip Philipe
 Shirley Hassell
 Hester Daubek
 Miss B. Franklin
 Mrs. E. Jones
 Mr. L. C. Hoff



SENIORS



ROBERT R. VANBLACK

General Course

Legend Sports Editor (4)
Basketball (1 2 3 4)
Baseball (1 2 3 4)
Track (1 2 3 4)



PAUL A. LINDNER

Commercial Course

Legend Class Editor (4)
Class Secretary (1 4)
Class Vice President (3)
Assistant Editor of *Pow Wow* (4)
Band (1)
G.A.A. Secretary (3 4)
Glee Club (2 4)



INGA TRANBERG

Academic Course

Legend Assistant Business Manager (4)
Class Treasurer (1 2)
Editor of *Pow Wow* (4)
Band (1 2 3 4)
G.A.A. Staff (3 4)
Glee Club (2 4)



CLARENCE E. WADE

Academic Course



DUNCAN DAVIDSON

General Course

Legend Assistant Editor (4)
Basketball (1 2)
Baseball (1 2 3 4)
Track (1 2 3)



WANDA RIPPERDAN

Academic Course

Pow Wow Staff (3)
Glee Club (2 4)



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Academic Course

Legend Business Manager (4)
Pow Wow Reporter (1 2 3 4)
Glee Club (2 4)



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General Course

Class President (3)
Basketball (1 2 3 4)
Track (4)

SENIORS

GEORGI SHEPIT

Academic Course
Class Treasurer (4)
Basketball (2, 3, 4)

MARIE JEAN CARPENTER

Academic Course
Legend Editor in chief (4)
Class Secretary (2, 3)
Class Vice President (4)
Band (1, 2, 3, 4)
G. A. A. Staff (3, 4)
Glee Club (2, 4)
Pow Wow Staff (4)



MARY A. KUNSTEK

Commercial Course
Glee Club (2, 4)



WILLIAM H. MARTIN

General Course

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Academic Course
Legend Photograph Editor (4)
Class President (4)
Band (1, 2, 3, 4)
Band President (4)



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Commercial Course
Class President (2)
Pow Wow Art Editor (4)
G. A. A. Staff (3, 4)
Glee Club (2, 4)

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Academic Course
Class Treasurer (3)
Pow Wow Staff (4)
G. A. A. Staff (2, 3, 4)
G. A. A. President (4)
Glee Club (2, 4)



MARY M. VOLK

Commercial Course
Glee Club (2, 4)

SENIORS



BARBARA OLISKA
Commercial and Academic Course
Legend Art Editor (4)
Glee Club (2, 4)



ELMER A. MARSOLEK
Academic Course
Band (1)



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Academic Course



PAT MCALPIN
Commercial Course
Legend Advertising Editor (4)
Pow Wow Staff (4)
Glee Club (4)



DOROTHY FOREMAN
General Course
Legend Activities-Editor (4)
Band (1, 2, 3, 4)
Band Secretary (2, 3, 4)
G.A.A. Staff (2, 4)
Glee Club (2, 4)



RALPH SNYDER
Academic Course
Basketball (2, 3, 4)
Baseball (3, 4)
Track (1, 2, 3, 4)



RAY NIKSCH
Vocational Course
Basketball (1, 2, 3, 4)
Baseball (2, 3)
Track (1)
Perfect Attendance (1, 2, 3, 4)



MARGARET (PEG) BIGLER
Academic Course
Band (3, 4)
Glee Club (4)

SENIORS

ALOMA HILLMAN
Commercial Course
Band (1 2, 3)
Glee Club (2-4)

IMO JEAN CRIZER
Commercial and Home Economics
Course
Pow Wow Staff (3)
Glee Club (4)



1945

OUR CHOICE

CLASS FLOWERS

Pink carnation and Lily of the valley

MOTTO

*Qualus non Quantis
Quality not Quantity*

COLORS



CLASS HISTORY

We started our high school career in our freshman year (of course) with an enrollment of forty six pupils. And as we reminisce on those days, tears come to our eyes as we remember what swell times we had—especially our initiation by the sophomores (seniors of '44) Say kids, remember those worms we ate? Mr Grayston Gurtner had the honor (!) of being our sponsor teacher, and he liked us so well, he stayed with us for two more years. (Or was that the reason?) We held a skating party, and near the end of the year we went to Marquette Park for a class picnic.

When we returned to school in September, 1942, to take up our studies for the sophomore year, there were thirty-eight of us. Lucille Kirker, Eleanor Zimmer, and Elmer Marsolek joined our class in this year. Eleanor left us before long. We held several skating parties that year, and our class picnic at Marquette Park again. When school was out for the summer, Alton Goin joined the Navy; and a handsome sailor he makes, too.

Now we come to our junior year and what a year *that* was! Mr Gurtner was still struggling along with us as sponsor, and there were thirty-one of us for him to struggle with. Ernest Wheeler, Jim McIntyre, and Lucille Kirker did not return to school with us, and before long Bob Piatt left us to become a handsome Marine. Pat McAlpin enrolled as a member of our class in September and Eugene Frum registered with us on the first day, only to withdraw and re-enter again all in one month. He finally made up his mind in April to withdraw for good. (He, too, is now a good looking Marine.) In November Imo Jean Crizer withdrew for three weeks to go to Colorado to visit her brother in the Army Air Corps. Then in January we lost two more members, but gained one in their stead. The two were Don Anderson and Charles (Red) Reedy Jr.; our gain was Margaret—better known as Peg—Bigler. Tony Shivalec also entered in April. We had two movies and several skating parties for the purpose of making money for our prom. Our class party was held at—you guessed it—Marquette Park. On May eighteenth, the day before we were to leave for the summer vacation, we gave an elaborate banquet for the Seniors of '44". After the banquet we went to Marquette Pavilion to hold our formal prom. Everyone started his vacation with happy memories of this event.

In September of 1944 we resumed school for our final year with twenty-six eager (?) seniors. Don Hart had not returned to Portage, and we had no new members enrolling with us. In the second week of school we had a class weiner roast at the home of our sponsor and principal, Mr. Hoff. (Mr. Gurtner couldn't take it any longer.) In October we had a skating party, and in November we gave a movie and a "Spice and Variety Show," from which we learned of the singing ability of one of our members, Duncan Davidson. December was also a busy month for us. We held a Holiday Dance on December the twenty-seventh, to the enjoyment of everyone attending. With a senior play planned for April, we come to the END of the history of the class of '45. A very short, but very happy four years spent pleasantly at Portage Hi.

CLASS WILL

Peggy Bigler	My shining blond hair. Shall Marilyn Miller wear
Don Bowles	My bowling alley to George Rodd.
Jean Carpenter	My ability to get there before the last bell. I will to Carl Wells.
Imo Jean Crizer	She makes so much noise, she is quite bold. This she wills to Barbara Mongold.
Duncan Davidson	To Martin Wagner I will my swoony voice. And also my nickname, "Frankie".
Dorothy Foreman	My alto horn with my consent. Shall Shirley Hillan blow to her content
Irene Hager	To get the gab, to be a reporter. I will this now to Dorothy Porter.
Aloma Hillan	My strawberry hair I wear like a crown. I will it now to Mary Jo Brown.
Arthur Kaminski	My studiousness and love for gin. I will them both to Jerry Flynn.
Mary Kunstek	I jerk those sodas fast and slick. I will this to Jackie Quick.
Paula Lindner	Beans that are baked, I think are swell. I will them now to Lester Bell.
Pat McAlpin	To Jeanne Warwick I will my love. For all <i>man</i> —kind.
Gloria Mahns	My well-worn hand I'll give to please her. That cute little kid, Weezer.
Elmer Marsolek	I will my stature and face so handsome To that happy gent named Johanson.
William Martin	My sophisticated English I will to Jack Steege.
Raymond Niksch	I will my muscle and brawn to Eddie Bigler.
Barbara Oleska	To William Frazier it will go. My serious mind you know.
Carl Philips	My raven locks that brightly shone, I will them now to Bobby Goin.
Wanda Ripperdan	I love to hold a hand, or stop a pain. My ambition I will to you, Robert Cain.
George Shepit	My long shots from the center of the floor. Go to Lon Mahns. I hope he makes more.
Ralph Snyder	With flying feet I cover the floor. I will my speed to you, Donnie Moore.
Iris Thorn	Her ability to play basketball, which she plays so hard. She wills to you, Twyla McHargue.
Inga Tranberg	To all the girls of the junior class. I will my ability to get <i>close</i> —to the "looking-glass."
Robert VanBlack	My wolfishness is a well-known fact. To Nick Jones now I will it back.
Mary Volk	My boisterousness is no bones. This I will to Cortie Jones.
Clarence Wade	To anyone who sits in my seat in physics class next year I will the answers under the table.

CLASS PROPHECY

Everything was shadowy. The slow ticking of the clock was the only sound to be heard. A faint blue light illumined the large crystal ball. Madam Za Za Oleska's first seeker for knowledge of the unknown was now entering the darkened room. Sitting down opposite the fortune teller, Paula Lindner, now a Power's model, wondered what had happened to her former classmates.

She was informed that Carl Philips is the current Hollywood swooner of the "silk-hose" crowd, who know him better as "Carlos Philipes."

And then there is that great discoverer, Aloma Hillan. Hillan's Halo Henna Rinse, the bleach without streaking, is now as famous as Kraft's Cheese Dinners.

Ray Niksch, that muscle-bound cowboy, now owns a ranch in Texas. His five sons make up the county basketball team.

Back in town again is Mary Volk. She has been on a tour with her roller-skating act in Europe. She is the new owner of the rink at 645 Washington Street.

Inga Tranberg, that great metropolitan star, is now cast as "Carmen" in the opera of the same name. She spends Saturday night singing blues at Gene's.

Another Broadway hit, Duncan Davidson, better known as "Duncie" to his bobby-sox fans, is singing on the "Collins' Better Car" program.

Peggy Bigler owns a super farm in Valpo—complete with Lofton Isaacson, electric milkers, automatic pumps, and robot corn de-tasslers.

Slowly the fortune-teller begins to leave the darkened room. But Miss Lindner, getting the hint, places another quarter on the table. Madam begins again.

On the more settled side is Iris Thorn and Gloria Mahns. Iris and her admiral husband, Robert Swift, are residing in Washington, D. C., where he carries on important government work. Coach William Mullen, Gloria's second husband, is making his home with her in Florida.

Arthur Kaminski has reached his long-sought-after goal, to become a boxer. Now he hits people—officially.

Another family lady is Dot Foreman: she is very happily raising her little boy and girl, Ferdinand and Cobina.

Top salary pin-boy at the Garyton Bowling alley is Don Bowles. He reached this position in a short period of only ten years.

The swankiest drug store in all Garyton belongs to Mary Kunstek. She offers free sundaes to all new customers.

A promising editor is none other than Irene Hager, who publishes a successful paper in New York, "The Hager Weekly." There are two full pages of funnies in each issue. The other pages consist of gossip, sports, and advertisements.

Because his alma mater is so dear to him, Elmer Marsolek is here at Portage as shop teacher. He has quite a job, since the course has been somewhat enlarged.

Jean Carpenter, a second Florence Nightingale, has finally achieved her ambition and is now head nurse at "Mac's" Hospital for Dilapidated Basketball Players.

Bill Martin is foreign minister to England. He does a few card tricks on the side to keep him busy.

Pat McAlpin owns a fine sport shop on Fifth. She carries a full line of shot guns, bee-bee guns, bean shooters, and man-traps.

Ralph Snyder has had a steady job for the past ten years passing out handbills of Goldblatt Brothers.

Imo Jean Crizer is running for mayoress of McCool. They say she has some stiff competition though with Nick Jones as her opponent.

Bob VanBlack owns a deluxe hot dog stand on Highway 6. He boasts free mustard, relish and no horse meat.

Then, of course, you've heard of that great poet, Wanda J. Ripperdan. Since writing "The Tantrums of a Spider" she has been classed in the same bracket as Walt Disney.

George Shepit is a senator from Indiana. He attained his great speaking ability from that noted speech professor, Lon Mahns.

The mathematical whizz of the class of 1945 is still at it. Clarence Wade, our "figure" boy, is professor of advanced geometry at Northwestern University.

The shadows in the room deepened to a dark purple. The crystal ball lost its luster. The story finished. As our customer rose to leave, a puzzled look crossed her face. "Haven't I seen you some place before?", she asked the veiled woman. "Was it Hollywood?"

"Maybe," answered the fortune teller, "but I haven't been there for the past five years; it got too hot."

"Then it must have been Gary," concluded Miss Lindner. "If you'd just take off your veil," she said as she drew another five from her purse. That was enough to tempt the Madam. As she loosened the veil, Paula exclaimed with delight, "Why Barbara Oleska, so this is where you've been these past years! I wondered what had happened to you after you quit working at Goldblatt's."

"Well, if it isn't Paudie: you haven't changed a bit, a few more lines but that's all."

And so arm-in-arm the two left the "mystic future" to talk about the silly past.

JUNIORS

CLASS OF



LON GAIL ALLISS
 WILLIAM BEAUMONT
 LESTER BELL
 JAMES BENNETT
 KENNETH COLLINS

JEAN DUNSIZER
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FRANKIE LEWIS
 EARL LIGHTFOOT
 TWYLA MCHARGUF
 LON MAHNS

'46

JUNIORS

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ELFANOR REARDON
GEORGE RODD
Vice-President
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MARTIN WAGNER
RUTH WHALEN



'46



Sophomores included in the class picture above are from left to right:
First row—Barbara DeWitt, Fay Wyatt, Bonnie Cauley, Lois Taylor, Gloria Cummins, Betty Dicks, Lola Garrett, Joan Zimmerman, Ruth Switzer, Betty Nicholson.
Second row—Robert Biddle, Clarence Seitz, Gene Lute, Ronald Wennerstrom, Glen Johanson, Mike Strilich, Daniel Sam, William Peterson, Robert Cummins.
Third row—Doris Bergslien, Eleanor Himebrook, Joan Starkey, Jean Lagerstrom, Irene Kunstek, June Pitts, Carolyn DeLong, Patricia Carpenter, Detta Nealon, Robert Cain.
Fourth row—Dale Cobble, Lowell Jones, Billy Bolles, John Crowe, Edward Russell, Robert Goin, Harold Pruitt, Richard Lenburg, Jerry Flynn, Donald Snyder.
Top row—Dollie Kuhrt, Marguerite Bender, Jane Starkey, Carita Davis, Grace Frum, Elizabeth Renfro, Dolores Cooley, and Dorothy Anderson.
 Those not present when the picture was taken were Vivian Briggs, Ervin Gray, Marjorie Tilden, and Eugene Trostle.

Sophomores

The following were honored by their classmates by being elected officers of the Sophomore class, 1944-45:

Mike Strilich

President

Dale Cobble

Vice-President

Vivian Briggs

Secretary and Treasurer



Freshmen

Pictured above in the Freshman class are left to right

First row—Lois Johnson, June Ayers, Ardith Alliss, Harriett Quick, Marion Hockelberg, Dorothy Crowe, Remona McHargue, Virginia Cauley, Shirley Hillan, Aurelia Phillips, Irene Shepit.

Second row—Lester Connaway, Bill Binge, Allen Olson, Raymond Luckey, Philip Philips, Robert Ripperdan, Sam Bowles, John Kunstek, Benedict Marsolek, Edward Bigler.

Third row—Marilyn DeLong, Jeanine Rodd, Bessie Lou Brown, Phyllis Marshall, Grace Selby, Rhoda Niksch, Betty Nelson, Anna Russell, Betty Pasley, Janet Reich, Jeanne Warwick, Joanne Nelson.

Top row—Lois Miller, Evert Blanton, Kenneth Clem, Arthur Giese, Charles Grimm, Linden Thorn, Robert Hager, Paul Hendershott, Charles Johnson, Gerald Nelson, Gerald Selby, and Dolores Comer.

Elizabeth Bible and Mervyn Delmage were not present when the picture was taken.



Eighth

Eighth grade pupils included in the above picture are left to right

First row—Patricia Holmes, Marlene Lindner, Rosaline Switzer, Agnes Skiba, Jaclyn Farry, Ruth Foreman, Augustine Duncan, Lucille Lloyd, Pauline Werner, Margaret Russell, Evelyn Johnson, Betty Davis, Jeanine Comer, Doris Collins, Joyce Lagerstrom.

Second row—William Tilden, Carl Dixon, Joe Campbell, Elmer Lenburg, Raymond Gilbert, Patrick Anderson, Donald Cain, Donald Moore, Richard Collie, Edward Kidwell, Bill Gilbert, Bobby Mullen, Dick Pittet, Harold Huggins, Charles Reardon.

Third row—Rosecarol Gibson, Shirley Jurkovich, Dorothy Mahns, Doris Dronebarger, Gladys Porter, Juanita Pitts, Shirley Goin, Bonnie Cooper, Joan McAlpin, Sally Thixton, Madelyn Holtz, Shirley Hassell, Gladys Frum, Joan Smith, Jean Smith, Wanda Trostle.

Fourth row—Norene Metzcus, Marguerite Jolly, Nancy Starkey, George Dougherty, Brooks Gordon, Cortie Jones, Eugene Bradford, Billy Wilson, Henry Sistanich, Hazel Gray, Carol Mascher, Patty Peyton, Cora Price, Elsie Walters, Louise Axtell.

Arthur Blohm, Rupert Briggs, Kathleen Murray, and Russell Wilson were absent on the day the picture was taken.



Seventh

In the seventh grade class are, from left to right

First row—Peggy Switzer, Barbara Funkey, Hester Daubeck, Bernice Alliss, Carolyn Moore, Edith Reid, Donna Cline, Shirley Blair, Louise Johnson, Nancy Huff, Katherine Axtell, Donna Cooley, June Wyatt, Barbara Siebenhaar.

Second row—Jim Steege, Carl Wells, Ralph McHargue, Dale Gross, Leon Long, Franklin Mullin, Mitchell Gilbert, Bob Lightfoot, James Jones, Melvin Tarnow, Edward Bible, John Sistanich, Wayne Connaway, Billy Johnson, Panteley Yakovetz.

Third row—Marilyn McHargue, Carol Timmerman, Alice Mascher, Margaret Yager, Lola Gilbert, Dolores Fenske, Carolyn Nicholson, Darryl Smith, Henrietta Beier, Norma Garletts, Ardyce Anderson, Audrey Miller, Juanita Pruitt, Grace Kaminski, Norma Hendershott.

Fourth row—Victor Hager, Virgil Crisman, Raymond McCorkel, John Kuchta, Clifford Prentice, Jr., Russell Bassett, Willard Dorman, Bobby Peterson, Warren Larson, Elvin Blanton, Norbert Marsolek, Robert Warwick, Wayne Olson, Alan Colville.

Fifth row—Charles Metzcus, Albert Barker, Jimmy Huff, Carl Nelson, Billy Haack, Donald Lindgren.

The day the picture was taken Haven Cherry and Herbert Wojtalik were absent from school.

School Engineers



Frank Lundquist
23 years of faithful service



Charles Larson, Roy Dahlin, and Ted Kimmel

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"ON THE SEA"

BASKETBALL



Varsity

Standing, left to right—Eddie Bigler, assistant student manager, Bill Muller, Bill Newman, Art Kaminski, Coach McComas, George Shepit, Bob VanBlack, Dale Cobble. *Front row, left to right*—Ray Nicksch, Mike Strilich, Bob Goin, Daniel Sam, and John Kunstek, student manager.



"R" TEAM



Schedule and Score — 1944-45

Nov. 15	Hebron—Here	47	10
Nov. 17	Valpo—Here	33	40
Dec. 1	Jack-on—Here	56	12
Dec. 6	Edison (Gary)—There	39	55
Dec. 8	Chesterton—Here	29	28
Dec. 19	Wirt (Gary)—Here	33	22
Dec. 20	Kouts—There	7	36
Dec. 21	Merrillville—There	52	52
Jan. 5	Dyer—There	21	18
Jan. 6	Liberty—Here	38	20
Jan. 9	Hammond C. C.—There	41	46
Jan. 12	Wheeler—Here	49	27
Jan. 18	Washington—Valpo—County Tourney	43	25
Jan. 20	Hebron—Valpo—Co. Tourney	37	13
	Kouts—Valpo—Co. Tourney	21	37
Jan. 24	Hobart—There	24	36
Jan. 26	Wirt (Gary)—There	35	40
Feb. 2	Griffith—Here	39	40
Feb. 6	Boone Grove—There	44	25
Feb. 9	East Gary—Here	34	44
Feb. 16	Lowell—Here	38	48





Members of the 1944 baseball team pictured above, left to right Front row—Bill Mullen, Ralph Snyder, Mike Strlich, Billy Binge, Robert Goin, Allen Olson, Duncan Davidson, George Rodd. Back row—Coach Charles McComas, Linden Thorn, Jack Steege, Bill Newman, Raymond Nelson, Daniel Sam, Dale Cobble, Robert VanBlack, Principal Leroy Hoff.

BASEBALL

1944 Scoreboard

Portage vs.	Us	They	Place
Liberty	11	2	Here
Wheeler	16	2	Here
Jackson	7	6	There
Chesterton	3	5	There
Liberty	15	8	There
Wheeler	11	4	There
Jackson	11	5	Here
Chesterton	called off		Here
East Gary	0	8	There
East Gary	5	9	Here

Won 6, Lost 4

Lake-Porter Championship Play-off

Portage 5 East Gary 3
At Portage



Rah, Rah, Rah, Portage

Tomahawk. Tomahawk. little papoose.
 Portage Indians just got loose.
 Chickawa. Chickawa. Chickawa. Chee!
 Portage Indians. yes siree!!

Jean Lagerstrom and Joan Zimmerman were elected cheerleaders for the 1944-45 basketball season. The girls showed initiative and enthusiasm in introducing new yells. they proved very popular leading the Portage basketball fans.

Pictured above at top left is the trophy case. Added this year were the Lake-Porter baseball trophy and the Second-Team Tourney trophy. Top right and lower left are the cheerleaders in action. Lower right shows students leaving the gymnasium after a pep session. Joan Zimmerman, silhouetted in the center of the picture, is shown wearing the new cheerleader's uniform.

SPORT FLASH BACK

The 1944 fall baseball season was very successful. We won six games and lost four. Our last victory, one over East Gary, secured the Lake-Porter Championship title. Maybe it was the third-time jinx, but, anyway, the Indians came up with their best game of the season to beat East Gary after they had previously lost two practice games.

In other games the boys beat Wheeler twice, Jackson twice, split even two games with Liberty, and lost their only game with Chesterton, who had a perfect season's record.

The seniors on this year's team were VanBlack, Snyder, Davidson, Kaminski, and Philips.

The 1944-45 basketball season wasn't a complete success, as the eleven won and twelve lost record will show. But the team itself was one with a lot of spirit and courage. The team was, for the most part, made up of sophomores; many of the older fellows who would have been on the varsity had another job to do. This was for Uncle Sam. The seniors on this season's team were Art Kaminski, Ray Niksch, Bob VanBlack, Ralph Snyder, and George Shepit, who withdrew from the team after the county tourney.

The Indians won games from Hebron twice, Jackson, Chesterton, Wirt, Dyer, Liberty, Wheeler, Washington Twp., Boone Grove, and a sectional game from East Chicago Roosevelt.

On the dark side were our losses to Valpo, Gary Edison, Kouts twice, Merrillville, Hobart, Wirt, Griffith, East Gary Edison, Lowell, and our final game of the year to a good Hammond Tech team in our second game of the sectional.

In the county tourney the fellows were trying for a fourth straight title. The Indians fought their way to the finals but couldn't cope with a great Kouts team, which went on to win twenty four straight games. We toppled Washington Township and Hebron before meeting Kouts in the finals, the score of the final tourney game was Kouts 37, Portage 21.

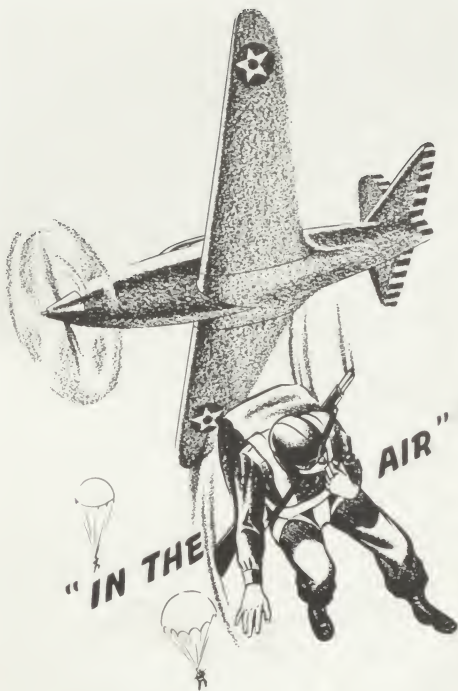
To climax the season the Indians drew Roosevelt of East Chicago for the sectionals and came from behind to win in an over-time thriller, 36-35. Later the same day the Braves played Hammond Tech and just didn't have the height to cope with the boys from Tech; the final score was 48-31.

Daniel Sam led the Indians in scoring this year, but was closely followed by Niksch, Kaminski, and VanBlack.

The girls' team, the Portage "Squaws," played two basketball games this year with the Alumni. The senior girls of '45" played the 1944 graduates, and girls from the three upper classes played the Portage Alumni in a second game. The seniors on the team were Iris Thorn, Inga Tranberg, Paula Lindner, Peggy Bigler, and Jean Carpenter.

PHYSICAL FITNESS









B A N D

Portage High School band plays for many functions throughout the school year. Three major concerts are given for the public in addition to matinees for the grade children. In competitive festivals the band maintains a high standard. That solos and ensembles attain a high average is attested by their many medals. Band personnel follows: Flutes—Joyce Lagerstrom, Paul Hendershott, and Leon Long. Oboe—Jean Lagerstrom. Horns—Dorothy Foreman, Eugene Trostle, Shirley Hillan, and Nancy Starkey. Clarinets—Carl Philips, Jean Carpenter, Peggy Bigler, Aurelia Phillips, Eleanor Himebrook, Vivian Briggs, Doris Bergslien, Ardith Alliss, Jeanine Comer, Joan Starkey, Jane Starkey, Kenneth Clem. Cornets—Clarence Seitz, Robert Cain, Ronald Wennerstrom, Philip Philips, Virginia Cauley, Billy Kidwell, Robert Ripperdan, Joe Campbell, Mervin Delmage, Mary Jane Moatz, and Jeanne Warwick. Saxophones—William Mullen, Inga Tranberg, Madelyn Holtz, Robert Mullen, and Barbara Siebenhaar. Trombones—Allen Olson, Linden Thorn, Sam Bowles, Marilyn DeLong. Bases—Kenneth Collins, Lon Mahns, Charles Johnson. Percussion—Marilyn Miller, Carl Wells, Lois Gail Alliss, and Pat Carpenter.



P. H. S. Girls' Glee Club

The girls' glee club presents vocal selections at the band concerts, goes caroling at Christmas season, has entertained the Valparaiso Kiwanis Club, and in 1944 placed in second division in the Indiana School Music Competition Festival. The glee club is under the direction of Mr. G. Meyers. Glee club members are: Bottom row—Dorothy Crowe, Remona McHargue, Harriett Quick, Jeanne Warwick, Emily Lis, Adelia Huggins, Jacqueline Quick, Lois Alliss, Lillian Beaumont, Imo Jean Crizer, Carolyn DeLong, and Mary Volk. Second row—Joanne Nelson, June Ayers, Barbara Mongold, Mary Louise Nickerson, Peggy Bigler, Pat McAlpin, Marion Hockelberg, Phyllis Marshall, Lois Miller, Marilyn Miller, Dorothy Porter, Ruth Whalen, and Mary Kunstek. Third row—Mary Jane Moatz, Eleanor Reardon, Jean Duncizer, Hilda Sharpe, Betty Martin, Frankie Lewis, Twyla McHargue, Inga Tranberg, Gloria Mahns, Iris Thorn, and Marilyn DeLong. Fourth row—Betty Renfro, Grace Frum, Delores Comer, Mary Jo Brown, Detta Nealon, Barbara DeWitt, Fay Wyatt, Lois Taylor, Lola Garrett, Ruth Switzer, and Lois Johnson. Top row—Marguerite Bender, Clarice Jean Fifield, Dorothy Foreman, Jean Carpenter, Barbara Oleska, Paula Lindner, Irene Hager, Grace Selby, and Irene Shepit. Not present when the picture was taken were: Aloma Hillan, Wanda Ripperdan, Elizabeth Bible, Dorothy Anderson, Bonnie Cauley, Aurelia Phillips, and Ardith Alliss.

Members of the Twirling Club who are pictured on the previous page are: Lillian Beaumont, Ruth Foreman, Carol Mascher, Alice Mascher, Nancy Starkey, Jane Starkey, Joan Starkey, Ardyce Anderson, Grace Kaminski, Norma Garletts, Barbara Funkey, Shirley Hassell, and Wayne Connaway.

"MARCH OF EVENTS"

September

- 1 School opens
- 5 Classes begin (Darn it')
- 13 Senior party with Mr Hoff (Good start)
- 27 Skating Party

October

- 2 Band Concert (Oh! That clarinet section)
- 10 Uncle Sam remembers Don's birthday—registration
- 12 Recreation (Every Thursday)

November

- 3 G.A.A. Wedding Style Show (Valuable practice!!)
- 15 Hebron game—here (A happy beginning)
- 17 Valpo—here (A traitor on the floor)
- 22 Spice and Variety—Show??
- 24-25 Second Team Tourney (Add one trophy)

December

- 5 Music Festival
- 15 G.A.A. Movie
- 20 Kouts—there (One field goal)
- 25 Santa came (Or was it Santa?)
- 27 Senior Holiday Dance

January

- 5 Pictures taken for the *Legend*
- 18-19-20 County Tourney (Oh bliss!)
- 26 Bob's birthday, number 18; he visits the draft board

February

- 2 Duncan adds a year. Uncle Sam gives a No. 2 excuse
- 9 East Gary—here (Nuts')
- 13 Mid-winter Band Concert
- 16 Lowell—here (A ——— ending)
- 22-23-24 Sectionals (That's all; there is no more basketball)

March

- 8 Donkey Basketball Game (Girls played, too)
- 9 G.A.A. Skating Party
- Ralph dons navy blue
- 14 Bob and Dunc take a trip to Indianapolis
- 15 Senior girls beat sophomores. Basketball champs!
- 16 Freshie party (What do the freshies do at a party?)
- 30 Grade program

April

- 3 George and Art celebrate eighteenth birthdays
- 6 Spring concert (For the last time, seniors)
- 18 Senior play, "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works"
- 21 Music contest (High hopes')

May

- 2 Junior play
- 4 G.A.A. Mother and Daughter Banquet
- 18 Junior-Senior Prom!! (Golly, long dress')
- 20 Baccalaureate
- 21 Commencement --:THE END--:



Those in the G. A. A. board are, back row Dorothy Foreman, hiking and biking; Wyatt baseball; Lola Garrett, track; Lillian Beaumont, ping pong; Gloria Mahns, social; Hilda Sharpe, basketball; Joan Zimmerman, health; Inga Tranberg, volley ball. Seated—Jean Carpenter, treasurer; Mary Louise Nickerson, vice-president; Miss Bernie Franklin, sponsor; Iris Thorn, president; and Paula Lindner, secretary.

G. A. A.

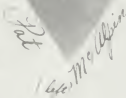
The Girl's Athletic Association was organized to interest girls in athletics. Each year a girl becomes a member when she has earned 50 points. A manager of each sport arranges interclass and intramural tournaments, which are played other than during school hours. The girls receive points for each activity including hiking, biking, and health-charts for which awards are given. A numeral is given for 500 points earned, a high school letter for 1000 points earned, a sweater for 1500, and for 150 points over the 1500 she receives a chevron. The G. A. A. sponsors social activities and money-making activities to purchase the awards. Each spring the members elect the board for the next year.

In May the G. A. A. gives a Mother-and-Daughter Banquet and installs the officers and managers for the coming year.

"WAY BACK WHEN"



Carl Philips



Elmer Marsdek



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SIDEGLANCES

OUR CLASS

Our seniors are quite a happy lot.
We think a lot of our gang.
In this little poem, good or not,
We will send them off with a bang.

Don Bowles, that blond haired gent.
Is I-A in the Army but he hasn't went;
He's been with us for quite a while.
And when he leaves us, we won't smile.

Comes Peggy Bigler, she's a blonde, too.
She came from Jackson, but to us she's true:
She glides around happy and gay.
When she graduates 'twill be a dull day

You all know Jean, her last name is Carpenter.
This little ole' class couldn't do without her.
She goes on working when the rest have quit,
She's added to our class quite a bit.

Now we see Imo Jean, that kid from McCool.
She may be little, but she's nobody's fool;
Always steady and always sure, she's quite a gal.
She really is some swell pal.

That mellow-voiced guy, Davidson Dunc.
May not look like he has much spunk;
But just need some help, or need a friend.
Call on Duncan, he'll help to the end.

Dorothy Foreman plays in the band.
Her alto horn she plays so grand;
Her sweetness and kindness give her class;
You'll all agree she's quite a lass.

The intelligence is piled on Irene Hager.
About anything she's quick on the trigger;
She's always smiling and ready to help.
You'll always like her in spite of yourself.

Our little Aloma, her handle is Hillan,
When she gets started it really is killin';
She's quite a dancer, she spins around;
Her humor and wit make her quite a clown.

OUR CLASS

Art Kaminski or "Russian" to you.
His cute little mustache is just too-too!
He sometimes gets angry but that's O.K.
For we all like him any ole way.

Miss Paula Lindner, an eye-full any day.
She's solid and reet and that ain't hay.
A jolly little miss, with the Marines on her mind,
We'll take more of her kind any time.

Little Miss "Blondie" is what we call Pat.
She really is fun and that's that.
She works at Goldblatt's but she's no Jew.
We all like her and so do you

That dark-haired cutie Gloria Mahns.
Is a good selection in any man's land:
She's more fun than a barrel of snakes.
Brother, she's got what it takes.

Our little friend, Elmer Marsolek.
Is a guy not given much to frolic;
He's always present, ready to go.
A good friend to have when you're feelin' low
The Englishman, an interesting specimen.
We wouldn't trade him for all the Freshmen!
For Bill Martin is one of our group.
One of the swellest of the troupe.

A guy that has muscle is our pick.
He goes by the name of Ray Niksch.
He knocks them around on the basketball floor.
He's been with us twelve years; we wish it were more.

Mr. President, Carl Philips, is one right guy.
To mind our business he surely does try;
We all appreciate what he has done.
And when he is finished our thanks will have just begun.

Wanda Ripperdan comes along next.
She's the gal that wears the specks:
She never does her lessons make.
But oh! What an intelligent look she can fake.

The handsome one, his name is George Shepit.
Never gets in trouble, he never does catch it:
In Chemistry class he knows his H₂O's.
He gets our O. K. from his head to his toes.

OUR CLASS

See those legs flyin' round the track,
They belong to Ralph Snyder, speed he doesn't lack.
He is quiet but mighty, a neat little fellow,
Wherever you see him, he grins "Hello"

Our athletic girl, a real honest pearl,
Is cute "Irish" Thorn, with the shining black curls.
She has everything needed to make a good friend,
And any of us would stay with her to the end

The opera may claim her, or else the scalpel,
But Inga Tranberg is a girlie quite helpful:
She laughs when she's hurt, she won't be beat,
Off to her go our hats: may her life be sweet

Homer or Blackie, whatever have ye—
VanBlack is still a swell chappie:
He may be bashful, but we don't mind,
He's a great pal, we like his kind.

Ever see a mouse scuttle around,
Well, Mary Volk doesn't make a sound.
She knows how to act, she's a lady,
We all like her: she'll make the grady

The love of horses is in Clarence Wade,
We're very glad he is in our grade,
He isn't dumb, he makes a *few* A's,
We wish him many happy days.

Barbara Oleska, or "B.O."—
Is a humorous gal we all know—
She laughs at her own jokes (so do we),
If you need cheering up, she fits it to a "T"

Kunstek, Mary, of the pretty hair,
She and Ray make a nice pair:
She is rather mysterious and serene,
But you'll all agree she's on the beam.

That's all of our seniors who know all the tricks,
We're small in number, only twenty-six.
Our motto just suits us, and we have loyalty,
We're the class that's made of "Quality, Not Quantity"

—W. R.

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